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A Christmas party to remember





# **City Board of Health restricts** menthol and e-cigarette sales



No fooling, come April 1, 2019, sales of e-cigarettes and menthol to anyone under the age of 21 will be forbidden, due to new restrictions imposed by the Somerville Board of Health.

### **By Jim Clark**

The Somerville Board of Health voted to restrict the sales of electronic nicotine delivery systems (e-cigarettes) and menthol cigarettes in Somerville on December 13.

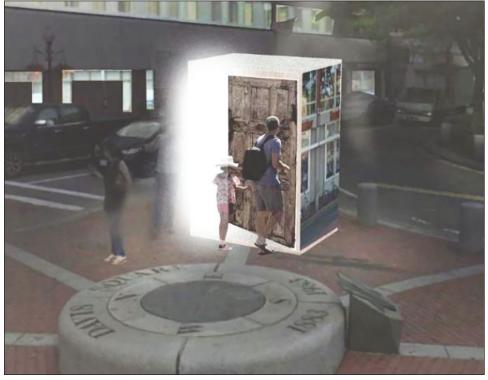
Citing concerns on the health impacts of youth, the new regulations will forbid such products from being sold in retail outlets accessible to those under 21 years of age, starting on April 1, 2019. Both menthol and e-cigarette sales will be restricted to 21+ adult-only tobacco retail stores. According to the Board of Health, Somerville is the first municipality in the Commonwealth to pass such regulations. Continued on page 4

## SAC presents 'nightLIGHTS' Four new large-scale light sculptures

Spurred on by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone's call for more art and light in the city, the Somerville Arts Council presents nightLIGHTS, a series of light installations throughout the city.

This project is inspired by the long tradition of Somerville families that decorate and illuminate their homes for the holidays. In addition to three new large-scale murals that the Arts Council commissioned in the summer of 2018, this project further fulfills our mission of infusing public art into everyday life. The work will be completed by December 19 and will remain up through January.

Special thanks are being offered to DPW/ Highways and Buildings and Grounds for help-



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ing to install these works.

The project features three works by three different designers/design teams: Wen Yu, Drone, Union Square Plaza; Zebbler Studios, Illumina*ciones*, bike path at the intersection of Cedar St.; and Lam Partners, door2, Davis Square Plaza and East Somerville Library. Continued on page 14

Step into the the illuminated creations of the nightLIGHTS installations, now through January at various locations throughout the city.





The views and opinions expressed in Newstalk do not necessarily reflect those of The Somerville Times, its publisher or staff. The column has many contributors.

The publishers, staff and all associated with *The Somerville Times* wish everyone a very Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah, as well as a prosperous and healthy New Year in 2019.

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The Somerville Times staff is taking a small holiday vacation beginning this week, with the next issue coming out on January 2, 2019. Anything that comes in and is Somerville related through our vacation period will be posted online to our website. We want to thank all our readers and fans for your support this past year. We are very proud of our paper. It's what a real local paper should be, local stories that are about Somerville. We leave the big city stuff up to The Herald, Weekly Dig and Gatehouse and – oh yes – The Globe. Again, thank you! Don't forget, you can go online to our website and register online for a free subscription of the entire paper. In just a short period of time we have had several hundred already sign up. When something breaks in the city, you'll get it on the online subscription.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

Happy birthday for the next two weeks while we are on vacation: Happy birthday to a good friend and former Somerville resident Ron Lakerveld, who now resides in NC. A great guy, we wish him the very best. Our good friend Zachary Atwell is celebrating this week as well. Happy birthday also to Jim Henry, a well-known man in Somerville and the Boston area. A great guy as well. Happy birthday to Winter Hill's Jamie Sue O'Leary. We wish her a great day as well. Happy birthday to former East Somerville guy (down back) Jack Basset. We wish him a great day as well. Happy birthday to another East Somerville guy who grew up here, Paul Peddle, who is now a realtor in Southern NH at Better Home in Londonderry. Happy birthday to Kristen Marie Butler as well. We hope she has a great day. Big time happy birthday to one of the nicest elected officials in our city, Maria Curtatone, who is the Register of Deeds for Middlesex County. Continued on page 11

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### TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### **Response to:** Newstalk – December 12

#### Mandy & David says:

That neighborhood council has turned into one big joke dominated by a few community activists from Somerville Community Corporation's sick excuse for community outreach called Union United. They don't care about anyone but themselves. Union Square residents are so fed up with them that nobody goes to their meetings. The decisions they reach are out of touch with regular Somerville people. Thanks for voting them in. Those young millennial voters don't get what's going on. We're calling our next dog Bernie and putting him in as a candidate for the Board of Aldermen. Shame on this neighborhood council for pretending they give a hoot. Total joke.

#### Somerfall says:

#### @ Mandy & David -

Maybe sour grapes from those who failed to run an effective campaign for the Neighborhood Council Board Elections last fall? Which was run fair and square, BTW.

And your drivel sounds eerily like the overheated rhetoric of a certain fellow well known for his deranged behavior and harassment of those fighting displacement in Union Square.

#### An observer says:

"Which was run fair and square, BTW."

If that's the case, then why did a Saturday voting day staff person need to ask an ORS/UU worker to stop handing out the ABCDE/UU slate of 15 candidates flyer to voters as they entered the Public Safety Building? This worker was standing on the steps 20 feet from the PSB door. But the ethic at elections is 150 feet—for good reason. But, please, do say that didn't happen, because there were many witnesses to it, including, haha, those voters that walked in with the flyer.

"Effective campaign." Any damn fool could have said—and did—"I'm Bernie", and gotten themselves elected. 1 ORS choice is not a choice. It's this is the good one, and the others aren't. The sheep, looking up for a brief moment from their smart phones, said "Oh my, this IS the 1", and didn't think twice about it. It's Ralph Nader's dad all over again, when Ralph said we have a choice[ Repubs or Dems], and his dad said no we don't[ to vote Dem or nothing].

"Deranged behavior and harassment." Some of you do appear to enjoy harassing this 1 particular person, even though others have spoken out also. Looks like 'a whipping boy' to me.

"Displacement." Really? After the Somerville Stands Together fiasco, isn't union labor all the rage. What happened to 'fair wage' ideas, eh? What happened to anything that might get you thinking outside of the box? There's much more than construction jobs at stake. Makes you wonder if the sheep are leading the sheep.

So, Somerfall-or is it Somerbreeze? Katie?-get ya back to your name calling and harassing and threatening narrative. Anything but talk about the real issues, huh?

As Somerbreeze once said: "Yawn." And did so because Freedom of Speech and of expression is still a right. "Yawn" it is.

#### Vanta Black says:

Well. That was quite a ditzy little rant. A good illustration why the country is in the messed up state it's in today. Too many of these screwballs on the loose, disgorging this kind of demented codswallop. Thank God it's the end of times for them.

#### **IP Tracer** says:

Somebody at the Somerville News ought to tell us how many of these comments are made by the same dangerous fellow who threatens violence against people he disagrees with. I would not put it past him to be having conversations with himself on these threads

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#### JaK says:

God, enough with the Union Square squabbles. These people need to do something meaningful with their lives. Get out of your little bubble.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



# Life in the Willie by Jimmy Del Ponte Deck the Halls!



I can still remember the smell of the silver spray paint we used when making those macaroni Christmas wreaths in Hobby Class. It was an afternoon arts and crafts group that met at The Brown School on Willow Ave in the early 1960's. We also made those wreaths and other Christmas decorations in school.

Unfortunately, none of those pasta wreaths survived the years here at the Circle Del Ranch. However, the light up plastic window Santa, though held together with tape from years of repair, is still with us. My parents bought it in 1952. We also still have small wax choir boy ornaments and the traditional fragile, vintage ones. Some are nearly 70 years old! They have been carefully wrapped and stored year after year.

At St. Clements school, we made our parents gifts of small calendars using religious Christmas cards from the year before. There's one that my sister made in the cellar from 1959. Remember that mucilage glue with the pink rubber applicator tip?

One year, back in the 60's, one of my uncles made beautiful wooden mangers, complete with a light, for each of his in-law families. It's also in the cellar. Most families have at least one or two old Christmas decorations that lasted through the ages. Some still have an aluminum tree and color wheel saved.

Remember the window stencils that we sprayed on with Glass Wax or Bon Ami? Today they sell plastic stick on snowflakes, Santas, and the like. We bought those old stencil packs at Woolworths, Grants, and Kresges. My friend's family home here in Somerville still has the remnants of a stenciled snowflake on one of the windows. It's been there for 50 years, somehow forever embedded in the glass.

We made Christmas candles out of cardboard toilet paper rolls and tin foil. A friend recalls making wreaths at her Brownies group out of a coat hanger, green tissue cut in strips, and twisted on until full. Then it was topped with a red paper bow.

Another friend shares this memory: "I have all my mother's Christmas ornaments. My favorite is a pink angel that she bought when I was 1. She is always the center of the tree I decorate with all of moms' ornaments. What a blessing."

I remember making decorations in school and coming home with glitter on my clothes and hands. I loved peeling dried Elmer's glue off of my fingers.

Many people still have their grandparents' decorations and others that have been lovingly preserved and passed down. I sure wish our loved ones were still



here to celebrate with us but unfortunately they weren't made of glue, paint or glitter. Having our precious heirloom decorations are just another link to remembering the warm, loving Christmas's of days gone by and the people who shared so many heartfelt holidays with us. Merry Christmas!

## **USQ/Somerville Homeless Coalition food drive**

USQ, the revitalization of 15 acres in Union Square, is teaming up with the Somerville Homeless Coalition to hold a holiday food drive. They are collecting food and household items for the surrounding community, and those who are eager to help people in need this holiday season are dropping donations off to Workbar - Union Square or Bow Market, and USQ is matching all items donated. "We are thrilled to be partnering with USQ on a holiday food drive this year. USQ is showing their deep investment in the Union Square community, not only by helping to organize the drive but also by matching all items donated. Many Somerville families struggle during this time of year and these donations will make a real difference." — Somerville Homeless Coalition.







Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Rail & Glass LLC are pleased to announce three new income-restricted condos for sale at 29 Woodbine Street in Somerville through the City of Somerville's Inclusionary Housing Program www.railandglass.com

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Income Restricted units available to income eligible, first time home buyers through the City of Somerville's Inclusionary Housing Program Applications will only be available at after the Information Session #1. **Do not request applications before November 29.** 

After November 29<sup>th</sup> applications will be available Online: <u>https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/inclusionary-housing-program</u> City Hall, City Hall Annex, all Somerville Public Library branches

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Information Session #1 6:30pm Thursday January 10, 2019 @ the East Somerville Community School located at 50 Cross Street Somerville

Information Session #2 10:30am on Wednesday February 6, 2019 @ the VNA at 259 Lowell Street in Somerville

Open Houses at 29 Woodbine St. Saturday January 12th 2019 10am-12pm & Tuesday February 12th, 2019 6--8pm

Application deadline: Monday, March 11th, 2019 2:00 PM Lottery: 11 AM on Monday March 28th 2019 @ City Hall Aldermanic Chambers, 93Highland Ave., Somerville

The lottery will also be available on the City's YouTube channel: SomervilleCityTV

For more information email: inclusionary@somervillema.gov or call 617-635-6600 ext. 2584





## Smoking and driving still don't mix

Police officers were dispatched to a Broadway location last Wednesday on a matter unrelated to the following events.

As the officers arrived on the scene, they observed a vehicle parked at an odd angle, with the front end angled in. The car's engine was running and the headlights were on. The spot that the vehicle was parked in had a sign posted as a police vehicle only spot, as it was in front of the East Somerville Police Substation.

At first glance, they did not see

anyone occupying the vehicle. One of the officers approached the vehicle with the intention of citing it for restricted parking, when he directed the other officer's attention to the fact that it was occupied by a male who appeared to be asleep in the driver's seat, with his seat reclined back.

An officer approached the operator, who was later identified as Patrick Mathieu, of Medford, the registered owner of the vehicle. When Mathieu rolled down his window to speak to the officers, they detected the strong odor of burnt marijuana. They reportedly observed that Mathieu's eyes were bloodshot, he appeared to be wide-eyed, his pupils appeared dilated, he seemed disoriented, and was slow to respond to questions.

The officers asked Mathieu when was the last time he smoked marijuana, and he reportedly stated a few hours before. When asked to define what a few hours were, he stated he had smoked four hours earlier. Additionally, they observed what appeared to be an open, half empty bottle of whiskey stashed in the passenger's side door, although they did not smell the odor of alcohol.

Mathieu was asked to exit the vehicle to perform some roadside sobriety assessments, and he complied.

After administering a standard series of sobriety tests, the officers came to believe that Mathieu was operating his vehicle impaired under the influence of drugs. Mathieu was placed under arrest and transported to the Somerville Police Station, where he reportedly consented to a drug evaluation after booking.

At the completion of the evaluation, it was decided that Mathieu was under the influence of central nervous system depressants and cannabis, and was therefore unable to operate a vehicle safely.

Mathieu was subsequently charged with operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

# Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210 Help Keep Somerville Safe!

# SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

#### <u>Arrests</u>:

Patrick Mathieu, of 5 Cherry St., Medford, December 12, 5:05 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

John Prince, of 5 Almont St., Medford, December 13, 6:32 p.m., arrested at Elm St. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspend-

ed license, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, and uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Francis Hill, December 13, 9:38 p.m., arrested at River Rd. on warrant charges of armed robbery, destruction of property over \$1200, misdemeanor breaking and entering, larceny under \$1200, assault and battery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct, carrying a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, and false fire alarm.

**Carlos Ribiero**, of 15 Broadway Place, December 13, 10:25 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on a warrant charge of aggravated assault and battery.

McKenny Pierre, December 14, 7:03 a.m., arrested at Woodstock St. on warrant charges of resisting arrest, distribution of a class A drug, and conspiracy.

**Carlos Rivera**, of 165 Cottage St., Chelsea, December 14, 2:12 p.m., arrested at Woodstock St. on warrant charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, larceny from a building, shoplifting over \$250 by asportation third offense, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor second offense, larceny under \$1200, forgery of document, and utter false prescription.

Thomas Perrotta, December 16, 2:33 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of larceny over \$1200, shoplifting by asportation, and larceny under \$1200.

**Tara Chartier**, December 16, 2:33 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of possession of a class E drug, trespassing, and possession of a class B drug.

## City Board of Health restricts menthol and e-cigarette sales CONT. FROM PG 1

Director of Communications and Community Engagement Denise Taylor, in a public statement on Tuesday, elaborated on the decision to impose the new restrictions:

al 2018 Youth Tobacco Survey revealed teen e-cigarette use is rising rapidly. From 2017 to 2018, the number of youth using e-cigarettes rose from 2.1 million to 3.6 million nationally, reflecting an increase of 78 percent among high school students and 48 percent among middle school students. Due to the risks and rapid rise in e-cigarette use among teenagers, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently enacted new regulations designed to restrict youth access to e-cigarettes, announced proposed new rules aimed at further reducing youth access and appeal, and indicated it would be seeking a ban on menthol in all tobacco products, which has been shown to have a similar appeal to youth. Meanwhile, the usage data in Somerville reflects the national trends. The City's 2018 Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that while self-reported alcohol and traditional cigarette use in Somerville teens is declining, reported e-cigarette use almost doubled between 2016 and 2018. In that time, e-cigarette use rose from 7% to 13% total for middle and high school students, with 16% of high school seniors using e-cigs. In comparison, only 3% of students reported smoking traditional cigarettes. "These products are being shamelessly marketed to teens, who have become their biggest users without fully understanding the health risks, which is why we've seen the Surgeon General calling for significant interventions to end this building public health crisis," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "In Somerville, we are rising to that challenge by becoming an early adopter of these regulations and taking the necessary steps to stop the cycle of nicotine addiction among our young." The effort to introduce menthol and e-cigarette restrictions was the result of collaboration within the Somerville Health and Human Services Department and other community public health, substance abuse, and tobacco prevention specialists. Community members testified at the public hearing both in support of the changes and against, with local retailers expressing their concerns about the potential financial impact on their business due to the loss of selling menthol products. "As the Board of Health, we work very hard to balance public health and business concerns. With that, our ultimate responsibility is to protect the health of Somerville residents, particularly youth," said Board of Health member, Robert Ciccia.

In addition to the new regula-

The new regulations come as concern over the increasing popularity of e-cigarettes has grown both nationally and locally. Although e-cigarettes have been helpful to some adults seeking to transition off traditional tobacco products, they tend to be an entry to nicotine use for youths bringing various health impacts. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, e-cigarettes can harm the developing adolescent brain and research indicates that youth who use e-cigarettes are more likely to continue using cancer-causing nicotine or tobacco products long-term. Despite these risks, the nationtions, the City's Office of Prevention has been hosting student focus groups, discussions, and school assemblies on the dangers of vaping/e-cigarette use. In the new year, they will continue to host workshops, including focus groups for parents and multi-lingual discussions for students.

"Through both our education and outreach efforts as well as these regulations, we are reinforcing our commitment to protect our youth from the effects of early nicotine exposure and tobacco use on brain development as well as the lifelong impacts on health and well-being," said Director of Health and Human Services Doug Kress.

# The Somerville Times -Somerville Police tips to prevent package thefts

Package thefts are common during the holiday season. If you know your package was stolen, report the incident to the police. Officers at the station will take all the information you have and will be dispatched to those areas.

Chances are, you are not the only one and the more people report areas of package thefts, the better our officers on patrol can keep a watch at your neighborhood.

It is not possible to have all our officers on every street to patrol for package thieves, so if you have surveillance cameras installed on your front/back porches, this will assist our detectives to search for these thieves.

If your porch is accessible to anyone on the street, it would be better for you to take advantage of some of the services offered by retailers and delivery services. Amazon lets their customers use a service called Amazon Locker. Instead of delivering a package to your home or business address, you can select an Amazon Locker location and pick up your package at a time that's convenient for you. Once your package is delivered to the Amazon Locker, you'll receive an e-mail notification

with a unique pickup code that includes the address and opening times for your selected Locker location.

UPS uses "access points" for customers who they are not able to contact at home. UPS Access Point locations, neighborhood stores designed to make online shopping easier and delivery more convenient. From shipping and receiving your packages to integrating our locations into your business, we can help make your life easier.

Find out where your nearest access point is in your area. Break-ins at residences can also occur during the holidays. You may not notice, but your house can be targeted with potential thieves lurking and checking your daily routines; when you got to work, when you come home, how many people live at your home. The simple act of setting up your lights on timers will help deter thieves from going to your home. Or better yet, installing surveillance cameras.

If you have footage of a suspicious person lurking about or of a package being stolen share this with your police. The sooner we have this information the better and you may also help a neighbor.



In Somerville, package thefts have dropped since 2015, when the number of reported package thefts soared to 88. In 2016, there was a rapid decline to about 57 reported thefts, last year, the reported thefts were 53. This information by no means reflects all the package thefts in our city. But we do need your help to get these numbers to decline. Report your package thefts to the po-

lice by calling our main line and speaking to an officer at the station. You can do this by dialing our non-emergency line at 617- 625-1600 and saying "Police Officer" at the prompt. If you are not able to reach an officer right away, leave a message with your name and a call back number.

Remain vigilant and stay safe. — Somerville Police

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## **Reckless driver sentenced in** Somerville Police officer's death

Michael Ricci, a Burlington man who was racing his car on the highway when he struck and killed 30-year Somerville Police officer Louis Remigio, was sentenced to as much as 14 years in prison on Monday.

The 19-year-old Ricci was ordered to immediately begin serving his sentence of 7 to 14 years by a Rockingham Superior Court judge for his role in a deadly car crash in New Hampshire in 2017.

On October 4 of this year, Ricci pleaded guilty to one count of negligent homicide, two counts of second-degree assault and one count of reckless conduct.



55-year-old Louis Remigio was riding his motorcycle while off-duty on I-95 in North Hampton when he was struck by Ricci.

Ricci made the following statement in court prior to sentencing: "I understand the incredible loss and pain, and I accept the responsibility for my error in judgment that day. If I could go back in time and change things, I would do that. I would do that so Mr. Remigio would still be here. There is nothing that I can say today that will ease the pain. I just hope in time they know how deeply I regret my error that day."

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# **Beacon Hill Roll Call**

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll If a city or town voted against the ballot question, the calls in the House or Senate last week. This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call begins a series of reports on how local legislators voted on legislation that was approved in the 2017-2018 session by the House and Senate and signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker. One vote was on the Legislature's override of Baker's veto.

#### \$200 MILLION FOR LOCAL ROADS AND **BRIDGES (H 3648)**

House 159-0, Senate 36-0, approved \$200 million in one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state. The package is a bond bill under which the funding would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds. The measure also authorizes \$70 million for the completion of the ATLAS, the Registry of Motor Vehicles' technology system that will replace an archaic system that is 30 years old and difficult to maintain and use.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

### FAIRNESS FOR PREGNANT WORKERS (S 2093)

House 150-0, Senate 38-0, approved the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act that prohibits an employer from discriminating against, refusing to employ or firing a woman because she is pregnant or has a condition related to pregnancy.

The measure guarantees reasonable accommodations and safety measures for pregnant mothers. Reasonable accommodations include time off to recover from childbirth; more frequent, longer paid or unpaid breaks; acquiring or modifying equipment or seating arrangements; and a private non-bathroom space for expressing breast milk -- unless any of these would create an undue hardship on the employer.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

decision would be made by the municipality's governing body until December 2019 and then by a local city or town-wide referendum.

Other key provisions of the new law include:

Allowing persons over 21 to give an ounce or less of marijuana to others; possess up to one ounce of marijuana outside their home and ten ounces in their home. Any quantity above one ounce in the home must be under lock and key.

Allowing each person to grow six plants per person in his or her home, with a maximum of 12 plants per household.

Prohibiting plants that can be visible by neighbors or from a public place and putting growing areas under lock and key.

Giving landlords the right to prohibit smoking or growing of marijuana on their properties.

Allowing advertising on TV, radio, billboard, print or the Internet only in markets where at least 85 percent of the audience is over 21.

Banning retail shops from being located near school zones.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

#### **PROTECTION FOR WORKERS (H 3952)**

House 151-0, Senate 36-0, approved a bill that provides all state and municipal workers with the same protections provided to private workers under the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA).

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

e-cigarettes and other vape devices from the workplace and prohibit pharmacies and healthcare facilities from selling any tobacco or vape products.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

#### \$18 MILLION IN PAY HIKES (S 16)

House 116-43, Senate 31-9, overrode Gov. Baker's veto of an \$18 million pay raise package including hiking the salaries of House speaker and Senate president, by \$45,000 from \$97,547 to \$142,547. The measure also hikes the pay of the Legislature's two Republican leaders, Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) and Rep. Bradley Jones (R-North Reading) by \$37,500 from \$85,047 to \$122,547. Another provision hikes the salaries of the state's judges by \$25,000 over an 18-month period.

The measure raises the governor's salary by \$33,200, from \$151,800 to \$185,000; and provides hikes for the other five constitutional officers. It also requires that every two years the salaries of the governor, the other five constitutional statewide officers and the House speaker and Senate president be increased or decreased based on data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) that measures the quarterly change in salaries and wages. It also requires that the same formula is used every two years to increase or decrease the stipends that more than 100 other legislators receive for their service in Democratic or Republican leadership positions, as committee chairs or vice chairs and as the ranking Republican on some committees. There is a caveat in all of these cases that the amount of money they receive can never be less than it was when it became law in February 2017.

The measure puts an end to legislative per diems which are travel, meals and lodging reimbursements collected by the legislators. These reimbursements are given to legislators above and beyond their regular salaries.

Another provision increases the annual general expense allowance for each legislator from \$7,200 to \$15,000 for members whose districts are within a 50-mile radius of the Statehouse and to \$20,000 for districts located outside of that radius. This allowance is used at the discretion of individual legislators to support a variety of costs including the renting of a district office, contributions to local civic groups and the printing and mailing of newsletters. Legislators are issued a 1099 from the state and are required to report the allowance as income but are not required to submit an accounting of how they spend it.

#### **REGULATE MARIJUANA (H 3818)**

House 136-11, Senate 32-6, approved a bill changing some provisions and adding other provisions to the law, approved by voters on the 2016 ballot, legalizing the possession, growing and sale of marijuana.

The measure taxes all marijuana sales with a 10.75 percent excise tax, 6.25 percent state sales tax and a local option allowing cities and towns to impose an additional tax of up to 3 percent. In addition, any agreement between a retail marijuana establishment and a host community for the first five years may include a community impact fee of up to another 3 percent paid by the seller to the city or town to cover the costs imposed upon the municipality by the operation of the establishment. Medical marijuana remains tax-free.

If a city or town voted for the 2016 marijuana ballot question, the decision to prohibit or restrict marijuana establishments will be determined by a local city or town-wide referendum.

#### PROTECT ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE (H 4256)

House 139-14, Senate 38-0, approved a bill that would require health insurance companies to issue "Explanation of Benefits" (EOB) summaries only directly to the patient even if the patient is not the primary subscriber. Currently, most insurers send the forms to the primary subscriber, regardless of who the patient is.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

The package also gives a \$65,000 housing allowance for the governor. Massachusetts is one of only six states that supplies neither a governor's residence nor a housing allowance, even as Boston is among the most expensive housing markets of any of the state capitals.

(A "Yes" vote is for overriding Gov. Baker's veto and is for the pay raise. A "No" vote is against overriding the governor's veto and is against the pay raise.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	No
Rep. Denise Provost	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

#### RAISE AGE FROM 18 TO 21 TO PURCHASE **TOBACCO** (H 4784)

House 146-3, Senate 32-3, approved a bill raising from 18 to 21 the age to legally purchase cigarettes and electronic cigarettes in the Bay State. Other provisions ban

## **Beacon Hill Roll Call**

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

INCOME TAX WILL BE REDUCED ON JAN-UARY 1 - A law that reduces the income tax rate and long-term capital gains tax rate from 5.10 percent to 5.05 percent will go into effect on January 1. These tax cuts do not need the approval of the Legislature. They are part of a system devised by the Legislature when it approved a \$1 billion-plus tax hike package in 2002. The package set the long-term capital gains tax at 5.3 percent and froze the income tax rate at 5.3 percent instead of allowing it to drop to 5 percent in January 2003 – a reduction that was approved by voters in 2000.

The 2002 law also includes an automatic trigger that reduces both taxes by one-half of one percent each year that the state's economic growth is at least 2.5 percent until each tax is reduced to 5 percent. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue last week finished crunching the numbers and confirmed that the required revenue metrics have been met to ensure the 2019 drop to 5.05 percent.

The cut is projected to reduce tax revenue by approximately \$84 million in the current fiscal year 2019 and an estimated \$175 million in fiscal year 2020. "A strong economy and careful management of the commonwealth's finances have created the conditions for Massachusetts taxpayers to get a much-deserved break," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "We are pleased that next year we will see taxpayers be able to keep more of their hardearned money."

Opponents say the state cannot afford the loss of millions of dollars of revenue. They say that these tax rate should not be reduced when the Legislature has not yet continued

restored all the local aid, education and other important program cuts made over the past few years.

"Five one-hundredths of one percent," said Chip Ford, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation, the group that led the successful ballot question campaign to reduce the tax to 5 percent in 2000. "That equates to 5/100ths of a penny on every dollar we pay in state income tax. Pardon me for not popping the champagne cork yet, but it's a better direction than the alternative. This amounts to a savings of about \$33 for someone paying taxes on an income of \$66,000. But again, any savings is better than more confiscation."

The rate reduction was previously triggered for 2012 from 5.3 to 5.25 percent; 2014 from 5.25 to 5.20 percent; 2015 from 5.20 to 5.15 percent; and 2016 from 5.15 to 5.10 percent.

JURY DUTY NOTICE (S 771) – Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that allows the Office of the Jury Commissioner to communicate with jurors through e-mail, texting, other electronic and telephonic ways and in-person exchanges. Current law requires the communication to be via the post office and was adopted many years ago when these other forms of communication did not exist.

"I was pleased to file this legislation at the suggestion of the Office of Jury Commissioner," said the bill's sponsor Sen. Will Brownsberger (D-Belmont). "This legislation will allow the Office of Jury Commissioner to embrace technological improvements, reduce costs and improve juror convenience."

CONFIDENTIALITY OF MENTAL HEALTH

### SERVICES (S 2684) – The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill aimed at ensuring confidentiality for first responders who seek mental health services from a peer counselor. Current law does not guarantee confidentiality.

"These sensible confidentiality protections will allow our firefighters, paramedics and law enforcement officers to seek the help they need without fear of stigmatization," said 22-year law enforcement official and the bill's sponsor Sen. Michael Moore (D-Millbury "The recent loss of Worcester Firefighter Christopher Roy only further highlights the importance of ensuring that services are available to support those impacted by the loss of a colleague, friend and member of a department's family."

MUST HAVE TENANT ON ALL TOWNS' HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD (H 4981) – The Housing Committee held a hearing on a bill that would put some teeth into a 2014 law that requires all town housing authorities to have a tenant on the board. The regulations for appointing a tenant were never drafted. The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) said that when they went to draft these regulations in 2016, the elections division of the Secretary of State's office raised some concerns about DHCD promulgating these regulations and the regulations were never drafted. The pending bill sets out the requirements of the tenant appointment process.

The regulations require that tenant members be appointed by the Board of Selectmen from a list submitted by a recognized tenants' organization in the town. The selectmen will select one person from this list and appoint him or her to the board. Failure to file the list within 60 days after a vacancy gives Continued on page 17

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
MLS# Address Description DOM List Price Sale Price						
72359299	67 Albion St	8 room, 4 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial	51	\$750,000	\$700,000	
72395569	14 Bonner Ave	9 room, 6 bed, 1f 0h bath Antique	17	\$819,900	\$800,000	
72405148 38 Putnam Street 7 room, 4 bed, 2f 0h bath Victorian 6 \$824,900					\$905,000	
72326886	47 Madison St	9 room, 4 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	111	\$825,000	\$750,000	
72394153	88 Properzi Way	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Antique	7	\$1,050,000	\$1,600,000	
	Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					



72389189	221 Beacon Street U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bathTownhouse	14	\$1,035,000	\$1,050,000
72383607	132 Perkins St U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bathTownhouse	19	\$1,049,900	\$1,050,000
72394810	6 Beacon St U:3	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bathTownhouse	6	\$1,100,000	\$1,180,000
72387625	50 Howard St U:5	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Loft	39	\$1,299,000	\$1,225,000
72389196	41 Claremon St U:41	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bathTownhouse	6	\$1,375,000	\$1,380,000
72401521 9-11 Sherman Ct U:11		7 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bathTownhouse	25	\$1,419,000	\$1,419,000
72343098	27 Woodbine Street U:27	8 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Mid-Rise	4	\$1,475,000	\$1,472,705
72368634	52 Porter St U:2	8 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath 2/3 Family	48	\$1,475,000	\$1,460,000

Description

### Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72398966	24-26 Chandler	2 unit, 15 total room, 10 total bedroom Duplex	7	\$1,450,000	\$1,450,000
72398088	52 Clarendon Ave	3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	19	\$1,475,000	\$1,475,000
72323050	36 Munroe St	4 unit, 19 total room, 8 total bedroom 4 Family	15	\$1,488,000	\$1,671,100
72391519	70 Line St	3 unit, 18 total room, 12 total bedroom 3 Family	76	\$1,775,000	\$1,862,000
72375189	111 Summer Street	4 unit, 13 total room, 4 total bedroom 4 Family	29	\$1,799,999	\$1,500,000
72295311	40 Laurel St	2 unit, 11 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	189	\$2,199,999	\$2,000,000
72344245	160-166 Broadway	12 unit, 44 total room, 24 total bedroom 5-9 Family	82	\$3,650,000	\$3,200,000

## **The Norton Group–Somerville Times holiday party**

#### By Tom Bannister

Another year has passed and another joint party of The Norton Group RE and The Somerville Times was held last week, with a great crowd of about 40 guests representing both companies getting together to celebrate the holidays.

The party was hosted again this year at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant, which once again proves one of the best all-around restaurant

we have here in the city.

The food was great, as was the entertainment, while the MC for the night, Donald Norton, gave a little shout out to everyone there.

The new partner from the new Century 21 North East was present and said a few words about the merger and was excited to see such a nice crowd. More information on the merger will be in the January 2 edition of the paper.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro





# Dorothy's Corner BY DOROTHY DIMARZO

### Pizzelle

Over the years this recipe has been adjusted by my mom to produce in my opinion, one of the best pizzelle cookies I ever had. Most others are really thick and have a soft texture. This batter is thinner than most others and the results are a light, thin, crisp cookie. Every Christmas season the family looks forward to these treats. They are just perfect with a cup of coffee or an espresso. while beating the eggs at slow speed for about a minute. Add the oil and extract to the mixture on low speed and blend well. Measure out the flour and baking powder and mix in a separate bowl until well incorporated. Now, add the flour mixture gradually to the wet mixture on low speed and mix for about 2 minutes. For best results, place the batter in a large bowl, cover and refrigerate overnight. Follow the instructions of your pizzelle iron for best results. A heaping tablespoon of batter tends to work well for a thin crisp cookie. Once cooled, store in an airtight container and store in a cool, dry place. These will last for weeks, that is, unless everyone eats them all first! This recipe yields approximately 100 cookies.

Dozen Large Eggs
Cups Sugar
Cups Canola Oil
Zanise Extract
Cups AP Flour
Tablespoons Baking Powder

I use a stand mixer for this recipe. Crack the dozen eggs into the mixing bowl and beat the eggs until they are incorporated. Add the sugar gradually

Visit Dorothy's website at http://ddimarzo2002.wix.



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### OBITUARY

Mary R. (Analetto) Sillari



Mary R. (Analetto) Sillari, 97, of Somerville, passed away suddenly on December 14, 2018.

Beloved wife of 67 yrs. to the late Tony J. Sillari. Daughter of the late Archillo and Rose Analetto.

Loving mother of Anthony and his wife Kate of Topsfield, Charles and his wife Karen of Kingston, Rosemary Nolan of Somerville and her late husband William, Celeste Sillari of Lynnfield, Angela Arakelian and her husband Chuck, of Lynnfield and the late Salvatore Sillari. Also survived by Olivia Sillari of Concord and Sheila Sillari of Malden.

Devoted and cherished Grandmother of Tony, Jon, Brett, Caroline, Andrew, Chuck, Lindsay, Gianna, Gabriella, Salvatore, Francesca, Christine, Tara, Billy, Mary-Rose, Paul, Celeste, Simone, Charles, Jonathan and Angela. Also survived by 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was held in St. Clement Church Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Mary's memory to Dementia Society of America, PO Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901. dementiasociety.org.

# ABCO Boston branch hosts Vocational Day

ABCO HVACR Supply + Solution's Boston branch hosted its 12th Annual Vocational Day, and its EXPO & Holiday Party on Thursday, December 13, at its 10 First Ave., Somerville branch distribution center.

At the Vocational Day starting at 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., nearly 300 Somerville and greater Boston area students attended from 13 high schools and trade schools, plus principals, vice principals, guidance counselors and teachers.

ABCO acquainted and engaged the area's students and educational community with heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) manufacturers and contractors about the broad array of available rewarding careers and opportunities.

Peter Donati, ABCO Regional Vice President, said, "Our Vocational Day has introduced thousands of young Bostonians over the years with a 'golden ticket' to great careers. With 50% of HVACR professionals who keep our food safe and our homes comfortable expected to retire in the next ten years, we see – and love to show – the next generation all



the tremendous opportunities for advancement in our field. Personally, my greatest reward is reuniting with so many young HVACR professionals who thank us for introducing them to the field five, ten or more years ago. But there are so many more fabulous career opportunities still to come."

Besides ABCO, representatives from 18 corporate sponsors and vendors were on-hand to interact with the students, including Reznor, Emerson, Mars Comfortaire, JB, US Motors, Mitsubishi Electric, Luxaire, Copeland, Chemours, Bohn and Heatcraft. ABCO Boston also hosted a free EXPO and Holiday Party for HVACR professionals, starting at 12:30 p.m. and running to 4:00 p.m. The EXPO also featured an extensive lineup of HVACR manufacturers' representatives, plus free lunch, giveaways and raffles.

Peter Donati added, "As always, our goal is to enjoy spending time with our ABCO family, our partners in HVACR contracting, manufacturing and educational instructors and facilitators. Learning, food, fun, friendship and some great giveaways, what's not to like? It all comes wrapped in our thanks and appreciation."



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### Board of Aldermen honors City Clerk John Long



The City of Somerville Board of Aldermen awarded a citation to City Clerk John Long at their latest regular meeting last Thursday. The citation commended Long for his outstanding work on behalf of the Board and the city. Weddings, Clambakes, Backyard BBQ's, Christenings, Graduations, Bereavements, Anniversaries, Bridal & Baby Showers, Pig Roasts, Retirement Parties, Birthday Parties, Holiday Parties and more!

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# COMMENTARY

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## **Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone**



By Joseph A. Curtatone

As the City prepares to launch SomerVision 2040 and update the goals set in SomerVision 2030, a community-written 20-year comprehensive plan, we also wanted to share the latest update on the progress made on the original Somer-Vision goals. All numbers are current as of December 1, 2018.

**6,848 new jobs created:** That's just shy of 23% of the SomerVision goal of adding 30,000 new jobs to the local economy. Another 735 jobs are expected to be added in 2019, which would bring us to 25% of the goal.

The goal of 30,000 was chosen to provide access to jobs at a 1:1 ratio for Somerville's workforce population. Creating more opportunities for people to work close to home results in shorter commutes and less traffic, which in turn are good for workers' quality of life and the environment. We also know that having a more robust daytime population in the city helps create a customer base for many of our restaurants and retailers. Finally, all those employers pay commercial taxes that help fund community needs like our schools, parks, and public safety.

15 acres of new open space created: Those 15 acres represent 12% of the SomerVision goal

of 125 acres of new open space. Another 2.27 acres of land has been acquired for open space projects, but has not yet been designed or built.

In a small, densely populated city, it's difficult to find new places to build parks, playgrounds, and other open space. Given this challenge, we want to be creative and take every opportunity to chip away at the 125 acre goal. One way we can do that is by partnering with the private sector – 38% of our new open space is privately owned and managed, but open to the public.

1,917 new housing units created with 387 of them being affordable housing units: Given the regional housing crisis, SomerVision's housing goals are critically important. Since the SomerVision goals of 6,000 new housing units with 1,200 of them being affordable were set, Boston-area housing prices have continued to rise making it difficult for many to find housing within their budget. Over the past few years, I've talked about increasing our housing goals and this is certainly something we'll explore during the SomerVision 2040 process.

The good news is we've seen a steady increase in housing production in Somerville and that trend appears to be continuing into 2019. Next year we're projecting an additional 354 units will be added to Somerville's housing stock, 51 of which will be affordable.

5% decrease in residents driving to work alone from 2010 to 2017: When the SomerVision goal of shifting 50% of new trips to public transportation, biking, or walking was set, we knew it would be difficult to measure. But we do have indicators that show more people are relying on cars less. Along with the drop in people driving to work alone noted in the U.S. Census American Fact Finder, we've also seen the percentage of people who report they bike to work nearly double from 4.6% to 9%. The information gathered during our annual bike and pedestrian counts back this up – more and more people are getting around without a car.

Making it easier for people to walk, bike, or take public transportation helps reduce our carbon emissions, reduces the traffic on our streets, and can make it easier for residents to become car-free and save money. That's why we fought for the Green Line Extension and continue to invest in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. For example, Somerville went from having just shy of 4 miles of bike lanes in 2009 to just over 17 miles in 2018.

90% of job development and 59% of housing development since 2011 has been in "transformative" areas: Achieving our SomerVision goals means building more housing and commercial space to support new jobs, but SomerVision also made clear that we don't want that growth to completely change our neighborhoods. To strike this balance, SomerVision set the goal of 85% of new development being in transformative areas - parts of the city like Assembly Square and Boynton Yards that are not as built out. While much of Somerville's job growth has been in these areas, housing development is shifting

more slowly. As a result 65% of Somerville's total new development has taken place in transformative areas.

Future neighborhood plans as well as proposed new zoning will help with our efforts to bring more development to the areas of Somerville that can best absorb it.

January 15: Save that date for the official SomerVision 2040 Kickoff, which will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. SomerVision calls for a community update to the plan every five years and we want your input. You can visit somervision2040.com to learn more about the original SomerVision plan and the SomerVision 2040 process.

Data-based decision making is at the core of how the City of Somerville develops policy and sets priorities. Every day we check the latest 311 stats, and throughout the week we meet for in-depth review of departmental data and city trends. The Data Download column shares some of the data we've been reviewing recently, as well as interesting updates. To see more Somerville Data, visit the online Somerville Data Farm at www. somervillema.gov/datafarm.

## The Somerville Times Best of Somerville 2018

Cast your vote!

You have until December 28 to vote for your favorite category. To cast your vote, email us at thebestofsomerville@yahoo.com or mail in your ballot to The Somerville Times, 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The winners will be announced Wednesday, January 2, 2019. If you don't see your favorite category here, simply add it to this list.

Foods & Restaurants

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Best Idea in 2018 Worst Idea in 2018

# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

**Illustrated by Jim Clark** 



# **Our View Of The Times**

The holidays can be a pain for a lot of people. When it comes to this time of year, though, that headache should really serve as a kick-in-the-butt reminder of the importance of why sometimes the daily routine should come to a grinding halt for a greater spiritual good.

Many of us are rushing around trying to get everything done in time for Christ-

mas. We all scramble day in and day out, though, with every deadline of our lives so seemingly critical. What this time of year should remind us of, however, is that sometimes it's OK, if not absolutely essential, to just put the routine on hold, take a step back and reassess what truly matters in our lives.

Whether your family is made up of

your blood relatives or the friends who are there to celebrate your achievements with you and comfort you in your defeats, this is the time to simply pause, if just for a moment, and be thankful for them. Not everyone has money for the latest iPhone, but almost all of us at least have one thing that matters more to us than being at work at nine on the dot. Whatever gifts you may receive this Christmas, and whatever gifts you may give, at least give yourself the gift of taking a second to take a breath and enjoy whatever it is in your life that brings you true happiness.

Carry these thoughts into the new year and we guarantee that the winter months will go by much more easily for you.

### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

We hope she has a great day on her birthday. Happy birthday to everyone here and from the city who is celebrating this week. We wish every one of them a very happy birthday.

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Our sincere condolences go out to the Sillari family with the recent passing of **Mary Sillari**. The matriarch of one of Somerville's finest families, which have done so much for the city over the years, will be missed. All of Mary Sillari's family and many friends, as well as the acquaintances she has touched over the years, will have great stories to remember and tell.

this enough, watch the meetings on either cable broadcast live, or go online to YouTube to watch them. You will find some pretty hysterical information there about what's happening in the city. This should be required viewing for everyone who cares about what is happening here. Even the committee meetings are online. After all, the Board of Aldermen is voting to spend your money. Wow, the raises some department heads are getting. Ask yourself, if you own property has your taxes gone down or stayed the same over the past 14 years? And do you remember what they kept telling us what the benefit of Assembly Square would be to our tax base? Don't let a small minority of a certain group run our city, be aware of what is going on, and VOTE. \*\*\*\*\* It's official. A new Century 21 will be opened here in Somerville! Since 1975, Somerville has always had a C21. And now Century 21 North East - The Norton Group will be officially launched over the course of the next couple of weeks. Both Jim D'Amico of C21 North East and Donald and Patricia Norton of The Norton Group are very pleased to form this new partnership. Donald and Pat Norton have been brokers since 1977, practicing real estate here in

Somerville and the Greater Boston area, and Jim D'Amico has been practicing since early 1990's in the Chelsea-North Shore area. Together, the partnership is going to continue and make this new company well known here in the city. More information will be announced the first week of January.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

Don't forget to park on the EVEN side of the street once they call a snow emergency. And no, you can't park in the for new members to join the club. If you think you'd be interested give him a call 617-623-9340. It's a great local club for the residents of Somerville. It's been around now for over 40 years at their location on Innerbelt Road, across from the **Holiday Inn**. It has plenty of parking and has a very nice hall for rent. Some say the best deal in Somerville. Call the hall and ask for details: 617-623-9340. The Somerville City Club supports a lot of local charitable groups and organiza-

#### \*\*\*\*\*

Someone is passing around to various city officials and Board members an anonymous letter regarding one of our aldermen. We don't know if it's true or not, but we won't print it because the person writing it won't give his or her name.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

Miss watching the **Board of Aldermen** meetings on TV? You can view them in their entirety on **Comcast channel** 22, as well as on **YouTube**. Watch your city at work and see how these dedicated members of our community are serving you, the public. We can't say school yards anymore, they put gates on them. Let's hope the city doesn't call for snow emergencies unless it's a real emergency like a blizzard.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

So **some bloggers** tried to say that bicycles pay taxes through other forms of taxes like property taxes. We would like to remind them that everyone pays property taxes, either directly or indirectly. But those that own automobiles pay an additional tax called **the excise tax**, which is for street and road improvements. Bicycles owners should pay a tax as well, just to be fair about it. After all, it costs money to paint those lanes and to shorten the streets.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

The Somerville City Club's manager, Donny Johnson, is looking all the time tions here in Somerville.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

Have you thought you'd like to do some writing, a little story about Somerville as either a newbie or Villen? We have about 80K people and we would love to hear about your adventures here in the city. Maybe you want to write about a particular subject like our **Bob Doherty** and **Dorothy DiMarzio**, or like **Jimmy Del Ponte** with his stories about the city. Or maybe you'd like to express your opinion like **Bill Shelton**. Give us a call at 617-666-4010 or em ail news@thesomervilletimes.com and tell us about your idea.

Are you retired and looking for part time work, and you're experienced in sales? Give us a call here at *The Somerville Times* at 617-666- Continued on page 16

# **ESCS Winter** Concert

The East Somerville Community School Winter Concert took place on Tuesday, December 11, in the school auditorium.

Students got a chance to show off their musical skills to parents, friends, and fellow students.

















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Photos by Claudia Ferro









## SAC presents 'nightLIGHTS' CONT. FROM PG 1

The opening for Wen Yu's *Drone* is Wednesday, December 19, 6:00 p.m., at Union Square Plaza.

Artist comments: Hot tea with honey, actual drone performance.

The opening for Zebbler Studios' *Iluminaciones* and Lam Partners' *door2* is Thursday, December 20, 6:00 p.m., on the bike path by the intersection of Cedar Street at the bike path:

Artist comments: Hot cider, at 6:20 we amble down bike path to Davis Sq. 6:35 at Davis Sq. Plaza, followed by an informal gathering at the Burren

More about the projects:

*Iluminaciones,* by Zebbler Studios, at the Bike path by intersection of Cedar St.:

*Iluminaciones* is a light installation inspired by Zebbler Studios' roots in both Somerville, MA and Valencia, Spain. It is a modern tribute to the holiday traditions of these two cities. Zebbler Studios is a multimedia design team, specializing in custom video-mapped installations, video editing and animation, interactivity, software design, fabrication and lighting. They are proudly headquartered in nearby Sullivan Square.

*door2,* by Lam Partners, at Davis Square Plaza and the East Somerville Library:

A re-purposed, wooden front door stands alone in its frame at Davis Square Plaza and the East Somerville Library. As passersby grow curious, they will find they can open the door partially and be immersed in the warm inviting light of "home" while they are briefly silhouetted against the darkness of the evening. To share your experience on social media, use hashtags #doorsquared & #somervillefortheholidays.

Lam Partners is an architectural lighting design consulting firm with offices in Cambridge, MA and Pittsburgh, PA. They work with architects, artists, engineers, building owners, facility managers, civic officials, fixture manufacturers and distribution to weave lighting concepts into the architectural and landscape fabric of the project vision. They are a collection of architects, daylighting specialists, industrial designers, theatrical lighting designers, with a few engineers mixed in – dedicated to all things'light'.

*Drone,* by Wen Yu, at Union Square Plaza:

The project provokes concerns over labor relations in the machine era. Drone (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) is a word we borrowed from the honey bee community; it is often used for tasks too "dull" for humans. We develop our knowledge structure in the way a honeycomb is a place bees produce and hoard honey. In a highly automated society, we collect, store and transfer data to build intelligent infrastructure to deal with the problems we are facing. It poses the question of man's condition in the future - are we going to benefit from the technological development or obliged to feed those AI machines to make them better than us? The project is accommodated by two robotic drone performances (the first taking place on December 19). The movement of the robotic drone imitates the bees' process of building a honeycomb by moving a hexagon model. This performance also showcases drones' new uses



Multi-media artist Wen Yu, creator of the *Drone* art installation located at Union Square Plaza.

in the touchable future, namely, grasp, carry and deliver targets autonomously at any designated points with 100% precision.

Wen Yu is a new generation multi-media artist from Suzhou, the hometown of the prominent architect I.M. Pei, and the cultural capital of China from more than 2500 years. Yu's work incorporates art, technology and education. She creates projects that integrate art, story-telling and tangible material to evoke sensation through physical interaction and explore the line between digital and handcraft.

#### Ms. Cam's Dio Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous #658 mixture, hodgepodge 1. What color are the populated city in the U.S.? berries on mistletoe? 2. Where did the Eggnog 8. Who played the char-Riot take place? acter of Minnesota Fats in the 1961 film The Hustler? 3. Who had a hit song A Christmas Without You? 9. What musician is Trudie Styler married to? 4. In the movie *Elf*, what was Buddy's birth father's 10. How many players are on the field in profesname? sional soccer? 5. Who is known as Santa's ninth reindeer? 11. In the TV sitcom *Friends,* what is known as

## **Serve and Inspire: Volunteer Orientation**

New to volunteering with the Somerville Public Schools? Join in on Thursday, December 20, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for an orientation to learn about district schools and how SPS volunteers serve, inspire and support student learning.

Orientation takes place at the Cummings School building on 42 Prescott St. For more information, contact your school-based Volunteer Coordinator or Jen Capuano at jcapuano@k12. somerville.ma.us or (617) 629-5475.

## Treasure Hunting with Bob

# BY BOB ADAMS



Sure, I've had some nice finds, but I get envious when I read about these people... at a second-hand store, played it for a while then decided to sell it. It sold for \$2.4 million dollars US because it once belonged to John Lennon and he wrote a bunch of songs on it.

6. Who cannot be considered to be pictured on a U.S. postal stamp?

7. What is the largest

a Joey's Special?
12. In what Michael Jackson music video can you see Marlon Brando?

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The lady who bought a ring at a flea market Go

in England for 10 pounds. She wore it for a few decades not knowing it was a 26 carat nearly flawless diamond. Once she found out, she sold it for \$848,000.

The ever popular metal detector finds. People finding nuggets of gold weighing several kilos. I've actually found jewelry made from gold nuggets in the local junk stores. Nothing close to a kilo though. Still fun to find. The people who "just hought a house and

The people who "just bought a house and find this amazing artifact in the attic." And then they call the TV stations to blab about it to everyone and get caught up in a lawsuit with the former property owners. Am I the only one shouting "Shut Up!" Enjoy your find quietly, pay off your house, your student loans and move on.

The guy who found a Gibson J-160E guitar

Go figure.

The one that makes me most envious? The State of Massachusetts will open your safety deposit boxes at your bank if you don't touch them for a while. Wow, I'd like to get in on that scam. They keep the cash and sell off the other stuff. How hard is it in this day to track people down? They sell it on eBay. You should see the stuff that makes it to the site.

Bob Adams has been in Somerville 27 years but was a frequent visitor prior to moving here. He worked as a jeweler in a few shops in his younger years, owned his own shop for a bit, sold real estate for 10 years and is always hunting for his next treasure. He has been an antique and collectibles dealer for 30 years. He can be reached at 27winter@gmail.com. Visit his website at www.Somerville.com.

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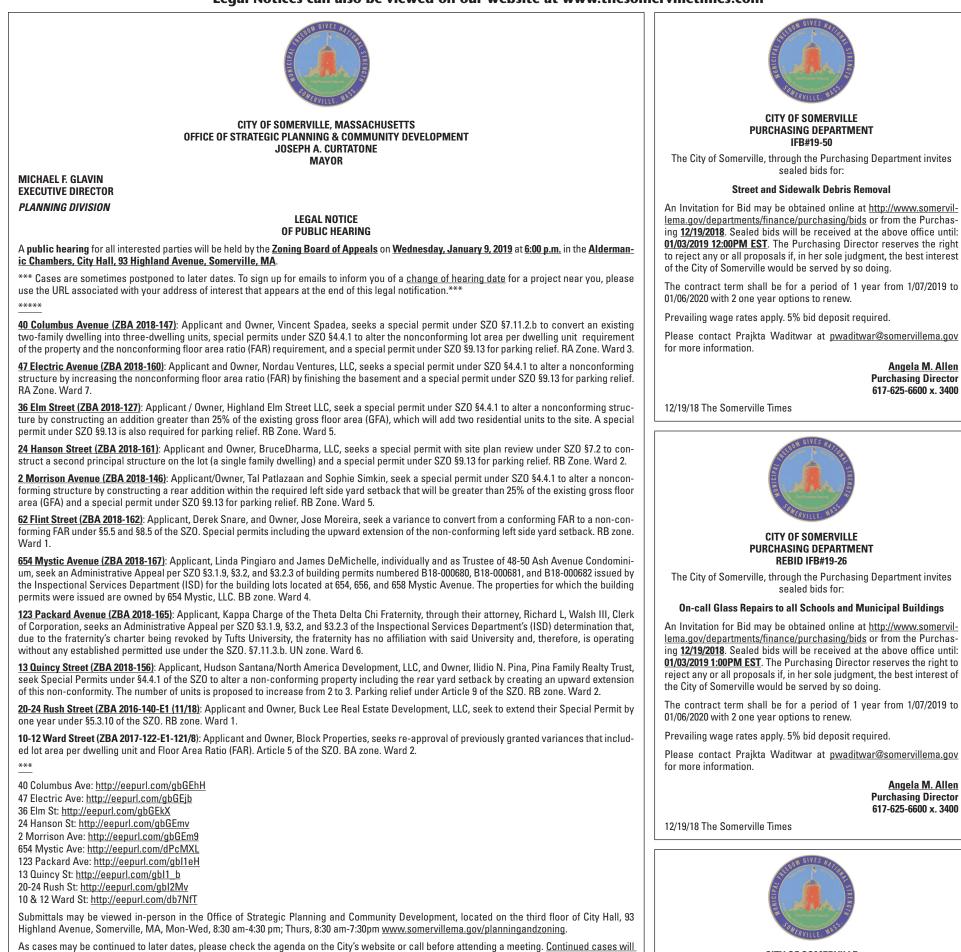
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Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director

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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

**REBID IFB # 19-44** 

Burglar Alarm Maintenance and Monitorings



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Sealed bids will be received until Thursday January 3rd, 2019 at 2:00pm. Late bids will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Michael Richards at 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email mrichards@somervillema.gov for information and the bid package.

> **Michael Richards** Assistant Purchasing Director

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The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 1/07/2019 to 01/06/2020 with 2 one year options to renew.

Prevailing wage rates apply. 5% bid deposit required.

Please contact Prajkta Waditwar at pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for more information.

> Angela M. Allen **Purchasing Director** 617-625-6600 x. 3400

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the best. Email, call in or just drop off at the office your 4010. We are looking for advertising telemarketers. \*\*\*\*\* vote for who and what you think is the best. We're looking for the Best Idea of 2018 here in the city. If you have any-The Best of Somerville 2018 will be in the January 2 edition of the paper. There's still time to cast your vote for one or anything you'd like to suggest, let us know.

## **Beacon Hill Roll Call**

the town the power to appoint any tenant it chooses. If there is no tenants' organization, the housing authority must notify tenants living in eligible households and provide them with instructions on how to submit their name to the town clerk for consideration by the Board of Selectmen.

"This bill represents the conclusion of two years of discussions among various stakeholders in the housing world," said the bill's sponsor Rep. Kevin Honan (D-Boston). "It is crucial for tenants to have a voice on their local housing authority boards, and we are pleased to see so many towns already have a tenant representative. It is our hope [the bill] will provide all towns with much-needed guidance to be able to comply with previously enacted state law."

**REPORT ATTACKS BEACON HILL'S RECORD ON FUNDING PUBLIC COLLEGES** - "Massachusetts has the fastest rising cost of public higher education in the nation," according to a report released today by the New England Board of Higher Education. "These are the shameful results of decades of budget cuts on Beacon Hill that have shifted the cost of a public college education to students and families, especially those who can least afford to pay the fees."

"We already knew Massachusetts had the second-fastest growth in student loan debt in the nation, and today's results just add insult to injury," said Zac Bears, executive director of the Public Higher Education Network Of Massachusetts (PHENOM). "Students and families are being saddled with massive student loan debt that will take them decades to pay off. It's time to fund our public colleges and build a Debt Free Future for all."

### COSTS EMPLOYEES FACE IN REPORTING WORKPLACE SEXUAL HARASSMENT - Nearly two-thirds of employees who report workplace sexual harassment face retaliation from their employers and 65 percent of employees who file sexual harassment complaints lose their jobs within a year, according to new research from the University of Massachusetts Amherst Center for Employment Equity (CEE).

"Employer's Responses to Sexual Harassment" by co-authors Carly McCann, Donald Tomaskovic-Devey and M.V. Lee Badgett, analyzed over 46,000 harassment claims from 2012-2016.

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"Sexual harassment, and perhaps discrimination of all types, should be addressed proactively and affirmatively by management, rather than leaving it to the targets of discrimination to pursue legal remedies as individuals," said Badgett.

"Most employer responses tend to be harsh both via retaliation and firing employees who complain," says Tomaskovic-Devey. "The very low proportion of employees who file sexual harassment complaints is very likely to be related to employers' typically punitive responses."

"Although they comprise 47 percent of the labor force, women file 81 percent of sexual harassment charges," said McCann. "Black women, in particular, report a disproportionality large percentage of workplace sexual harassment charges. They account for 7 percent of the labor force but file 27 percent of sexual harassment charges."

The full report can be found at: https://www.umass. edu/employmentequity/employers-responses-sexual-harassment

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES** – By the Numbers Edition

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety & Security came out with its Hate Crime in Massachusetts Report for 2017. The full report can be found at: https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/12/13/2017%20MA%20Hate%20 Crime%20Report.pdf

Here are some of the highlights:

427 — The number of incidents of hate crimes in 2017 (up from 391 in 2016).

37.9 percent — The percent of hate crimes that were vandalism, damage or destruction of property. The second and third most common categories were intimidation at 29.7 percent and sexual orientation at 14.4 percent.

53.5 percent — The percentage of victims who were male.46.5 percent were female.

53.9 percent — The percentage of hate crimes that were motivated by race, ethnicity or national origin. The sec-

ond most common category was religious affiliation at 29.7 percent.

78.7 percent — The percentage of perpetrators of hate crimes who were white. The second most was African-Americans at 19.4 percent.

70.9 percent — The percentage of victims of hate crimes who were white. The second most was African-Americans at 24.6 percent.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of December 10-14, the House met for a total of 52 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour.

	Mon. December 10	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:39 a.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:46 a.m.
)	Tues. December 11	No House session No Senate session
- 1	Wed. December 12	No House session No Senate session
/	Thurs. December 13	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:22 a.m.
•	Fri. December 14	No House session No Senate session
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motivated by race, ethnicity or national origin. The sec- Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

## Annual celebration of America's first flag raising

In its annual tradition, the City of Somerville will kick off the New Year on Tuesday, January 1, 2019, with a reenactment ceremony for the anniversary of the "Grand Union" flag-raising ceremony at Prospect Hill Park. A processional led by a re-enactor portraying General George Washington on horseback will leave from the City Hall Concourse at 11:30 a.m., followed by a ceremony at Prospect Hill Park. As always, members of the public are invited to participate, and are encouraged to wear traditional colonial clothing.





The annual ceremony commemorates the raising of the nation's first official flag, featuring thirteen red and white horizontal stripes, atop Prospect Hill on New Year's Day, 1776. At the time, Prospect Hill was a key site in a string of fortifications created by Washington and the Continental Army in their siege of British troops in Boston during the first year of the American Revolution.

The afternoon's program will include songs, and remarks by participants from the Charlestown and Rhode Island Militia, and the Ancient and Honorable Company (first chartered in 1638). His Majesty's 10th Regiment of Foot, representing the British Army, will bring a message from King George III, and the American Legion Post 19 Honor Guard will lead a military salute as a commemorative flag is raised atop the Prospect Hill Tower.

Additionally, special guest speaker Byron DeLear of the North American Vexillological Association will share information from his recently published book about the significance of the Grand Union Flag, noting that: "The mystery of the first American flag's origins has flummoxed historians for nearly two centuries. This book pieces together its fascinating tale at the beginnings of the American Revolution. The First American Flag explores this



important national icon and how the introduction of this galvanizing symbol occurred at a time when the trappings of American nationhood were taking shape – in less than a month's time, a new navy, a new army, a new flag, and a new name for a nation came into being."

Light refreshments will be served, and miniature replicas of the Grand Union Flag, both as a flag and a lapel pin, as well as colonial-era tri corner hats and a few items highlighting the City's historic assets will be available for purchase. The Tower will also be open to the public following the ceremony.

## •••• VILLENS ON THE TOWN ••••

#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday December 19

**East Branch Library** Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library** Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**East Branch Library** Sing Along with Matt Heaton! 3:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m.|115 Broadway

#### **Thursday** December 20

**Central Library** Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**East Branch Library** Night Owls Story Time 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

#### Friday December 21

**Central Library** Preschool Storytime for 2-yearolds 10:30 a.m-11 a.m. Teen Holiday Party! 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. 79 Highland Ave

**East Branch Library** Pop Up Play Group! 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. GOOD CRAFTernoon! 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

#### Saturday December 22

**Central Library** An Afternoon with Alex the Jester! 2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Monday December 24

**Christmas Eve - All Libraries** Close at 12:30 p.m.

#### **MUSIC/ARTS** Wednesday December 19

Sally O'Brien's Bar see you next week for poker 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10

ic, Erin Harpe's Country Blues Trio, Ken Field, Rick Berlin, Carla Ryder, The Boston Typewriter Orchestra, Kami Lyle, The Philharmonic Trombone Shout Band, Shaun Wolf Wortis, The Athol Thingerth 7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Highland Kitchen** 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Grant Bloom 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory SAC Artist of the Month Celebration

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre The Slutcracker 8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

### **Thursday** December 20

Sally O'Brien's Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m. Neil Lawrence album release party, Nowhere Lights|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren WUMB Presents Kimon Kirk|7 p.m. Scattershots|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Krush Faktory(Dub Down) 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road** Fordham Road, Sons Lunaris, Graveyard Of The Atlantic, The Alpacas 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 7th annual Spectacular Gift Drive for DCF Wonderfund! When Particles Collide Salem Wolves 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. **Tucker Antell Quartet** 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Nova Trio show 6:30 p.m.|Cafe Party Cruise Comedy: Yikes! 2018 in Review 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Somerville Theatre** The Slutcracker 8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

Slam Kitchen 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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**Thunder Road** Binge Magick with special quests Jeb Bush Orchestra, Pyramid Thieves 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Holiday Music with the Brian Friedland Trio. 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m. 255 Elm St

**Somerville Theatre** The Slutcracker 8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

### Saturday December 22 Sally O'Brien's

The Family Jewels |6 p.m. Jingle Punk holiday special Lily Black, The Knock Ups, Happy Little Clouds \$10 cover |9 p.m 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Jeff Jam - Family Dance Party|4 p.m. Los Goutos Holiday Extravaganza!|7 p.m. Jimmy Down |10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Karaoke 65 Holland St

**Bull McCabe's** Kong-Thunderfunk 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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**Thunder Road** Nemes, Born Without Bones, Dressed For The Occasion, Josh Knowles 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** Matt Heaton's Holiday Hootenanny Matt Heaton11 a.m. The Scrooges 20th Anniversary Ball|9 p.m. Rock Starve, Set Fire, Your Shitty Future

4:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse** 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Thunder Road Closed For A Private Party 379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** Scream Along with Billy Blue Christmas Joni Mitchell's Classic Album

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. 14 Tyler Street

Somerville Theatre The Slutcracker 2 p.m./8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

#### Monday December 24

Sally O'Brien's Bar Christmas Eve. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Back Room: Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road** Closed For A Private Party 379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Closed

14 Tyler Street Somerville Theatre The Slutcracker 6 p.m. 55 Davis Sq

#### **Tuesday** December 25

Sally O'Brien's Bar Closed - Merry Christmas! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

**Aeronaut Brewing Co** Closed 14 Tyler Street

#### Wednesday December 26

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's Pub** The A-Beez 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road** 379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** Boxing Day Karaoke 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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### **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday December 19

**Central Library** Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft 12 p.m.-2 p.m. Record a Holiday Greeting with the Somerville Media Center! 5 p.m.-6 p.m. A Very Merry Movie Night 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Mystery Book Group 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### **Thursday** December 20

**East Branch Library** Drop In Craft Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

**First Church Somerville** 

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

### Saturday December 22

Winters Farmers Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Arts at the Armory|191 Highland Ave

p.m.

A Very Fuzzy Christmas -a benefit for Girls Rock Campaign Boston|7 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

The A-Beez 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Thunder Road**

Bearly Dead – Thunder Road Holiday Party 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### **Once Somerville**

The 14th or 15th Annual Boston Christmas Cavalcade For the Homeless

The Chandler Travis Philharmon-

Friday December 21

#### Sally O'Brien's

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars 6 p.m. Field Day, John Powhida International Airport \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

#### The Burren

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Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi HelenTrio|7 p.m. Rip Cord|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

**Once Somerville** 156 Highland Ave

#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Planet Radio 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet 7 p.m. 255 Elm St

#### Arts at the Armory

Teatro Brasileiro de Boston: Contos de Natal 7 p.m.|Performance Hall |191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre The Slutcracker 8 p.m. 55 Davis Sq

#### Sunday December 23

Sally O'Brien's Bar The Natural Wonders 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### Bull McCabe's Pub **Ghetto People Band** 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m. 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

#### PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 156 Highland Ave

#### Bagel Bards

Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St

#### Sunday | December 23

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-**Anon Family Groups** 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

#### Monday December 24

**Christmas Eve - All Libraries** Close at 12:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday December 26

**Central Library** Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft 12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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Silver Alert Program: The Somerville Council on Aging with the Somerville Police Department have implemented a program to take a proactive approach towards protecting some of Somerville's most vulnerable citizens who suffer with serious cognitive impairments that put them at risk for wandering and getting lost. The Silver Alert Program is designed to collect specific information about a potential missing person, along with photo identification. This confidential information will be kept on file for immediate use in the event a loved one is reported missing. Please contact the SCOA at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to register. Free Groceries Every Month?: You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. Must apply beforehand. Pick up at the Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street on the 4th Thursday of every month unless otherwise specified. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 - applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

at 9 New Washington Street. Lunch and Bingo to follow. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month: December 13. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month: December 6. If you require additional info please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Ralph & Jenny Center located at 1 New Washington Street. Scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month: December 20. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@ somervillema.gov.

#### LGBTQ EVENTS

**LBT Women Fit-4-Life** - Fitness Class is Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional info, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2315.

## WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHEDULE (Please cut out and save)

#### Monday:

Keep Moving Walking Club\*\* - 9:00 a.m. (H) Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H) **Tuesday:** 

Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. (H) \$3 per class (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C) Bike Club – 12:15 p.m. (H)

#### Wednesdays:

Fit-4-Life Group A (exercise) - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B (nutrition) - 9 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group C (nutrition) - noon (H) Fit-4-Life Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H) Zumba 4 All - 5:15 p.m. - \$3/class (H)

#### Thursdays:

Yoga - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:15 a.m. (C) LBT Fit-4-Life, 6:00 p.m. (H)

#### Fridays:

Fit-4-Life Group A - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group A (nutrition) 10:00 a.m. (H)

Adventure Group – Please call for details

\*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

#### HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

**Book Club** – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group self-facilitates. Group members choose both fiction and non-fiction titles on a quarterly basis. Books are available on reserve at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300. a.m. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers to discuss current events. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

**De-cluttering support group** - If you have concerns around your clutter, this group may be for you. This closed group meets both in spring and fall for 6-8 weeks. This group is co-facilitated by Natasha Naim and Marina Colonas. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

Low Vision Support Group – Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. Do you know someone who has trouble seeing? Do you have low vision? Join our Low Vision Support Group for educational and informative information and peer support in a confidential environment. Lunch and transportation may be available on request. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318.

**Memory Café** – Meets the 2nd Thursday of every month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. A welcoming place for people with forgetfulness and their family and friends to share a meal and create new memories. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318.

**Mens Group** – Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group is facilitated by our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato. Are you recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our men's group where you can connect with old friends and make new ones. All men 55 and over are welcome. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

#### **CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION**

**Coffee & Conversation** – Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer, work together to facilitate this group. Come meet people from all over the world and join in the discussion of a different topic every day. Conversation is followed by the Fit-4-Life exercise program and then lunch. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Arts & Crafts – Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month starting January 11th - from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us in a relaxing atmosphere as we learn about a wide range of arts & crafts from weaving to watercolor pencils. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator facilitates this group. Must call a week in advance if you plan on attending. This is necessary to ensure we have enough material for everyone. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

**Social Service Drop In** – The 3rd Thursday of every month Social Workers, Ashley Speliotis and Natasha Naim will be taking turns and having a Drop-in Social Service hour from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Cross Street Center. They will be available to address any of your Social Service needs. If you need additional info please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

**Friendly Caller Program:** Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. **UPCOMING EVENTS** 

**Country Western Line Dancing** – The 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at our Holland Street Center. \$3 per class – no experience needed. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

**Healthy Steps** – Thursdays starting January 3 from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. Healthy Steps is a therapeutic, gentle, movement class for anyone who needs to get moving, particularly anyone recovering from surgery, frail elders or those living with chronic fatigue or arthritis. Class is free. For additional information or questions to call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Christmas Crafts** – Wednesday, December 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located

**Caregiver Support Group** – Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. Are you caring for a parent, relative, spouse or close friend? Feeling isolated or overwhelmed? You are not alone! Come share your experience and practical support. Open to all and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318.

**Conversations of the Heart** – Meets bi-monthly on Mondays from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

Current Events Group - Meets every Thursday at 9:30

**Game Hour** – Every Tuesday from noon to 1:00 p.m. at our Cross Street Center. Join us for lunch and activities. Immediately following lunch we will have a "Game Hour." Yahtzee, Sorry, Jenga, Cards, Scrabble, Checkers, Clue, Qwirkle, Dominoes, Uno & Connect 4 are available to play. Community Cooks provides us with a family style lunch on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays and Food Services provides us with lunch on the off days. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

#### **RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION**

Knitting Blankets – Every Tuesday & Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Join us as we knit blankets for babies. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Judy at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

## Jingle Bell Run donates to Somerville High Girls Soccer



The Marathon Sports "Bill Rodgers Jingle Bell Run" donated \$2,000 to the Somerville High School Girls Soccer Team last Wednesday at Soundbites in Ball Square. Accepting the check was Coach Tony Arias and George Scarpelli.

## **Patches of compassion**



Somerville Firefighters Local 76 Deputy Chief Mike Avery and firefighter Barry Hamilton made a special delivery of patches from Somerville Fire and Somerville Police, as well as Cambridge FD, Arlington FD and Stoneham FD to Philadelphia, PA, Engine 33 to help fulfill the Christmas wishes of Evan Potter, the son of a fallen Philadelphia firefighter and Marine veteran Michael Potter. Evan is honoring his father's legacy in continuing his tradition of collecting patches from other departments. Firefighter Mike Curtis designed and donated a shirt especially for Evan. Anyone willing to donate a patch please should go to https://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2018/11/27/fire-company-patches-son-fallen-philly-firefighter/

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Charlottesville, Ferguson, the White House. Talking about race has never been so fraught, painful, and critical.

In November 2017, Somerville resident Diane Wong began producing a live radio broadcast at Somerville Media Center called *Let's Talk about Race*, inviting folks from a variety of demographics to engage in challenging conversations about race and ethnicity in the age of Trump. Through the art of intentional dialogue, LTAR has facilitated discussion on colorism, interracial relations, police brutality, and more – providing new perspectives in a time where talking about race is more important than ever.

In preparation for an upcoming symposium and podcast series focused on race right here in Somerville, we'd like to invite Somerville residents who are willing to step up and engage in this topic – whether you are a student, a teacher, a recent transplant, a long time Villen, or anyone else – to come in and have courageous conversations about race on our weekly show, which airs live on Boston Free Radio on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. There are no right or wrong answers, just a willingness to think deeply and talk about race from your own perspective – and we want to hear from you!

We are currently booking Thursday nights for December and January. In the meantime, check out *Let's Talk About Race* at https://www.mixcloud.com/diane-wong or by listening live on bostonfreeradio.com.

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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	10:00am	Both Sides of the Bars
7:00am	Esoteric Science	10:00pm	The Chatman Booth	4:00pm	New England Pride TV	10:30am	SOM Arts
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	11:00am	Art Seen at SMC
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6:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	1:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Sessions
6:30pm	Off the Shelf	1:30pm	Speak Up! Somerville	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	11:00pm	Boston Come Through
7:00pm	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	2:00pm	The Kamla Show	3:00am	Free Speech TV	Tuesday.	December 25
8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	SMC Youth Media	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board	12:00am	Free Speech TV
8:30pm	Speak Up! Somerville	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board
9:00pm	Boston Come Through	4:00pm	Gay USA	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	7:00am	DW Euromaxx
10:00pm	LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	5:00pm	The Chatman Booth	9:00am	Tele Kreyol	7:30am	Esoteric Science
11:00pm	Flotilla	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	10:00am	Evangelista Camillo Fodera	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
Thursday	December 20	6:00pm	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Toast	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	SOM ARTS	12:00pm	Gentle Belly Dancing	10:00am	Road to Recovery
12:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	1:00pm	Off the Shelf	11:00am	Graphic Content
1:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	The Grandstanders	1:30pm	DW Conflict Zone	11:30am	DW In Good Shape
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:30pm	Greater Somerville	2:00pm	Startup TV Boston	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	9:00pm	The Boston Medium	3:00pm	African Television Network	1:00pm	Words on Film with Dan Burke
7:30am	DW Focus on Europe	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	2:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction
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## CITY TV 22 (Comcast) | 13 (RCN) Schedule

9:00am	Illuminations Tour - 2018			
10:00am	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa			
11:30am	Somerville Menorah Lighting - 2018			
11:44am	Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty"			
l 2:02pm	Senior Circuit - 2018 Wrap Up			
12:30pm	Parking Changes on Central Hill Meeting			
2:00pm	Illuminations Tour - 2018			
3:00pm	Conway Park Contamination Info Session			
5:30pm	SomerViva em Português - November 2018			
7:00pm	Illuminations Tour - 2018			
3:00pm	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa			
3:55pm	Even Side Season PSA - 2018			
9:00pm	Aldermen at Work - JT Scott			
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12:00am	Illuminations Tour - 2018			
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2:00am	Somerville Veterans' Memorial Parade 2018			
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3:57pm	Even Side Season PSA - 2018			
9:00pm	Illuminations Tour - 2018			
10:00pm	Senior Circuit - 2018 Wrap Up			
10:20pm	Transgender Day of Remembrance			

Even Side Season PSA - 2018

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2:00am	Somerville Menorah Lighting - 2018	3:00pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
2:30am	School Committee Meeting - 12.17.18	6:00pm	Transgender Day of Remembrance
8:30am	Fit-4-Life #5 2017		SomerViva em Português - November 2018
8:50am	Push Ups for Veterans	7:00pm	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa
8:55am	Even Side Season PSA - 2018	7:55pm	Even Side Season PSA - 2018
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12:00pm	Illuminations Tour - 2018	9:27pm	Solarize w/ the Mayor
1:00pm	Aldermen at Work - JT Scott	9:30pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
1:30pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards	10:00pm	Paul Revere Statue Unveiling
	Vilk Row Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony	10:07pm	Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty"
6:00pm	Aldermen at Work - JT Scott	10:24pm	Even Side Season PSA - 2018
6:30pm	Foss Park Community Meeting - 12.12.18	Sunday,	December 23
8:08pm	Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty"	12:00am	Illuminations Tour - 2018
8:26pm	Even Side Season PSA - 2018	1:00am	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa
8:30pm	Raising Families "Immigration Law"	1:55am	Even Side Season PSA - 2018
9:00pm	Illuminations Tour - 2018	2:00am	Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards
Saturday, December 22		8:30am	Fit-4-Life #4 2017
12:00am	Aldermen at Work - JT Scott	8:50am	Push Ups for Veterans
12:30am	Somerville Climate Forward	9:00am	Immigration Info Session - 12.9.18
1:08am	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa	11:30am	Aldermen at Work - JT Scott
2:03am	Paul Revere Statue Unveiling	12:00pm	Senior Circuit - 2018 Wrap Up
2:10am	Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty"	12:30pm	Illuminations Tour - 2018
2:30am	Ward 7 ResiStat Meeting - 11.15.18	1:30pm	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	2:25pm	Even Side Season PSA - 2018
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9:00am	Middlesex County Update	6:30pm	Aldermen at Work - JT Scott
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Senior Circuit - 2018 Wrap Up Immigration Info Session - 12.9.18 Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan

10:33pm City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa

#### **Educational TV 15 Schedule**

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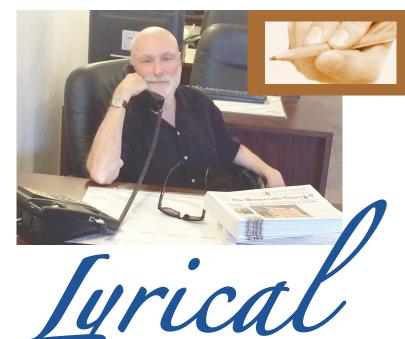
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3:00am SHS Hockey vs Lynn English	9:30pm	SHS Concert
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9:00am SHS Winter Concert		December 24
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All-City Middle School Concert

ball v Lynn Classical SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy Public Domain Theater

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# **Aspect Magazine:**

The small press and the Somerville, MA scene

After attending the Somerville Public Library's Small Press Collection Reception at the Somerville Media Center, I decided to reprint this article:

Somerville is a city of many dimensions. It is an eclectic urban soup of professionals, newly arrived immigrants, artists, students, dreamers, drifters, all living in close and hopefully comfortable proximity. What may not be immediately apparent is that it is and has been a city of small presses and little magazines.

Offhand, I could think of *The Boston Literary Review, Dark Horse, Small Moon, Yellow Moon Press, Davis 2 Porter, Ibbetson Street, Abyss* and a host of others. Of all these presses, some would argue that *Aspect Magazine* and *Zephyr Press,* founded by

Somerville's late Ed Hogan, are the most notable. June Gross, who was Hogan's wife and former editor of Somerville's *Dark Horse Magazine* told me over tea in her home outside of Union Square, Somerville, that there was not much of a literary "scene" in Boston in the 70's, when *Aspect* was around. There was some activity in Harvard Square, and a fair number of transient small magazines that appeared and vanished into the ether. Reflecting on the Cambridge and Somerville literary milieu, Gross recalled, "People from Cambridge always said, 'Oh, I always get lost in Somerville.' People from Cambridge never came to Somerville. It was a blank space. Somerville was a blank space."

If what Gross said was true then Hogan certainly filled the void with his prolific output of magazines and books over the years. Hogan, who died at the age of 47 in 1997 in a canoe accident, ran *Aspect* from 1969 to 1980, and in this time published many writers who are well-known today. Looking at a back issue from 1977, the roster of poets was quite impressive. Respected bards such as Robin Becker, Bill Costley, Anna Warrock, Joyce Peseroff, and Fred Marchant, all graced the pages of this single issue.

Ed Hogan grew up in Ball Square Somerville. He wrote in the Aspect Anthology Issue that he saw his first "little magazine" at age 12. Hogan was from a working class background and had an average public school education. Later, he entered the History program at Northeastern University. While there was inspired by a Bible scholar to pursue writ ing. Soon after, Aspect was founded in March of 1969. The early issues were simply typed and mimeographed sheets with articles on everything from Edmund Burke to rock-n-roll. Aspect was creature of its time, and the writers often dealt with issues like Vietnam, Watergate and the Cold War. In 1971, Aspect took a turn to the literary. Aspect's first directory listing for writers was in Trace magazine. Later, they were listed in Len Fulton's The International Directory of Little Magazines And Small Presses. As a result, Hogan was flooded with poetry submissions. And true to Somerville's scrappy outsider image, Aspect did not pander to the mandarins and the academics. Hogan wrote, "We went about editing without undue notice to academic standards or established reputations. Our contributor's notes showed fewer writer's involved in writing programs or English Department careers. I like to think we were more open than most to varied sensibilities. As we gained



Tim Devin, the founder of the Small Press Collection at the Somerville Public Library, at a reception for the collection at the Somerville Media Center.

confidence and sophistication, we maintained a central concern for accessibility, directness, lack of pretension, and a belief that these values are not antipathetic to literary excellence."

Over the years, *Aspect* produced a *Double Fiction Issue* that was supplemented by extensive reviews, and a bibliography of small press published fiction. The *Third Boston Poets* issue included an interview with Phil Zuckerman of Apple-Wood Books, one of Boston's most successful literary small presses.

As any small press publisher knows, it is necessary to have a cadre of loyal, often volunteer staffers to put out a magazine. Aspect had it. Whether on Robinson St., School St., or Ibbetson St, in Somerville, a collective of artists and writers put out this innovative magazine. One of the staffers, Susan Lloyd McGarry, wrote, "Editing a magazine collectively, as we do at Aspect, can be wearisome and trying to the temper. But the magazine gains immeasurably from the strength and energy of individuals who have an investment in all (of its) facets, without the others, that pleasure would not exist."

Around 1980, due to the amount of work that it required to run a small magazine along with other personal problems, Hogan ended the enterprise. In its place, Hogan, along with Miriam Sagan, Ronna Johnson and Leora Zeitlin, established a small press imprint Zephyr Press, which published primarily poetry chaps, literary fiction, and some non-fiction titles. Some of the releases were An Explorer's Guide To Russia and From Three Worlds: New Ukranian Writing. Hogan's crowning achievement was The Complete Poems of Anna Akhmtaova (a famous Russian poetess of the 20th century), as translated by Judith Hemschmeyer. This collection was critically acclaimed by The New York Times Book Review, as one of the best books of 1990. Len Fulton, publisher of The International Directory Of Little Magazines And Small Presses wrote "It is the Ed Hogans of the world that make it a better place, and it's the Ed Hogans of the small presses who have kept the movement honest and pointed in the right direction." And indeed, Hogan was a dedicated man. Hogan embodied the feisty spirit of Somerville. He was an independent publisher from the wrong side of the tracks, who weathered many a storm and made his press work. His stepdaughter, Viesia, recalled him hunched over a desk with an exacto knife for days on end, making sure things were just perfect. I think that's the way Hogan might have wanted to be remembered.

Our poet this week writes to *The Times*: "I am Kuoya Dut. I am a junior finance major at Endicott college. I was born in South Sudan and raised and educated in Kenya. I am passionate about writing and fashion design. My hobbies include running, hiking, soccer and playing pool. I have hosted a radio show in the past too."



### THE OCEAN

Is it the rolling fog? looking like a giant grey ball, is it the deep Blue crashing waves? is it the red Shells washed ashore? I can't seem to leave.

My feet are drawn to the huge rocks like a bewitching lover, my gaze is hooked on the milky shore, what a beauty the ocean is, I can't seem to leave

My mind is clear like a transparent glass because of the view before me, My Heart swirls in a mixture of joy And bewilderment, I can't seem to leave.

— Kuoya Dut

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3. Kenny Rogers and Dol- ly Parton	10. 11: 10 players, 1 goal- keeper		
4. Walter Hobbs	11. Ordering two pizzas at the same time		
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